Planning Commission has already accorded investment approval for the Anandpur Barrage Project. The Brutang (Buttang) and Somakoi (Samapoi) project have been accepted by the Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Water Resources subject to certain observations. The State Gvoernment is to comply with the observations of the Advisory Committee before these projects could be considered by the Planning Commission for according investment approval. In respect of the remaining three projects, namely, Katta, Marawa and Abadh the detailed project reports have not been received in the Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal.

Proposals pending with CWC

†2965. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of proposals pertaining to the State of Chhattisgarh lying pending with Central Water Commission (CWC) for approval and since when these proposals are pending;

(b) the reasons for delay in sanctioning these proposals; and

(c) by when, the pending proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) At present 2 major irrigation projects of Chhattisgarh are under techno-economic appraisal in Central Water Commission (CWC). In addition to the above, 1 medium irrigation project of Chhattisgarh has been accepted by the Advisory Committee of Ministry of Water Resources subject to concurrence of the State Finance Department. A Statement giving details of these projects with status of appraisal is enclosed (*See* below).

Clearance of irrigation projects depends on the promptness with which compliance to various observations of Central appraising agencies is submitted by the concerned project authority.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Details of irrigation projects and their status of appraisal

Sl. No.	Name of projects	Category	River/ Basin	District Benefited	Date of Receipt	Benefits (Thousand hectare)	Estt. Cost (Rs. Crore)	Status
1.	Kelo Project	Major	Kelo/ Mahanadi	Raigarh	7/03	34.555	235.00 269.70	State to provide compliance to observations of appraising agencies
2.	Rajiv Augmen-tation Scheme (Phase II)	Major i	Mahanadi/ Mahanadi	Raipur	11/04	28.0	127.30	
3.	Sutiapat Reservoir Project	Medium	Silheti/ Seonath/ Mahanadi	Rajnand-gaon	9/02	6.960	46.95	Accepted by the Advisory Committee in its 80th meeting held on 07.02.2003 but awaiting concurrence of State Finance Department for updated cost.

Objections to interlinking of rivers

2966. SHRI R. KAMARAJ: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received objections from various State Governments regarding interlinking of rivers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the views of Government to the objections received from the State Governments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Most of the States are supportive of the concept of the Interlinking of rivers (ILR) programme, provided it can ensure a "win-win" situation for all States. However, some States have reservations in regard to water